

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Gregory PLOWMAN et al.

Title: NOVEL PROTEASES

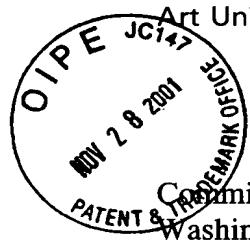
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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT



Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Accompanying the attached continuation application, please amend the application prior to examination as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.25, applicant submits a substitute specification. The substitute specification contains no new matter (§1.25(b)(1)). Applicant also encloses a marked up specification, showing additions and deletions to the specification of record §1.25(b)(2).

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.